



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Weather conditions were clear with temperatures above normal. Farming activities for the week included planting soybeans, making hay, and harvesting wheat.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/01/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	13	76	11
Subsoil	-	13	74	13

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/01/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	-	20	75	5
Grapes	-	1	23	76	-
Peaches	-	-	15	61	24
Corn	1	6	19	55	19
Cotton	1	2	26	68	3
Hay, Alfalfa	-	4	34	58	4
Hay, Other	4	6	31	58	1
Peanuts	1	2	22	70	5
Potatoes, Summer	-	2	22	76	-
Soybeans	2	7	18	69	4
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	33	62	5
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	1	74	21	4
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	2	29	61	8
Pasture	1	6	28	50	15
Livestock	-	3	25	64	8

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/01/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Peaches harvested	1	-	-	-
Barley harvested for grain	91	68	98	-
Corn silking	33	7	43	28
Corn dough	4	-	-	-
Cotton squaring	58	42	56	51
Peanuts pegging	22	10	17	13
Potatoes, Summer harvested	24	9	27	21

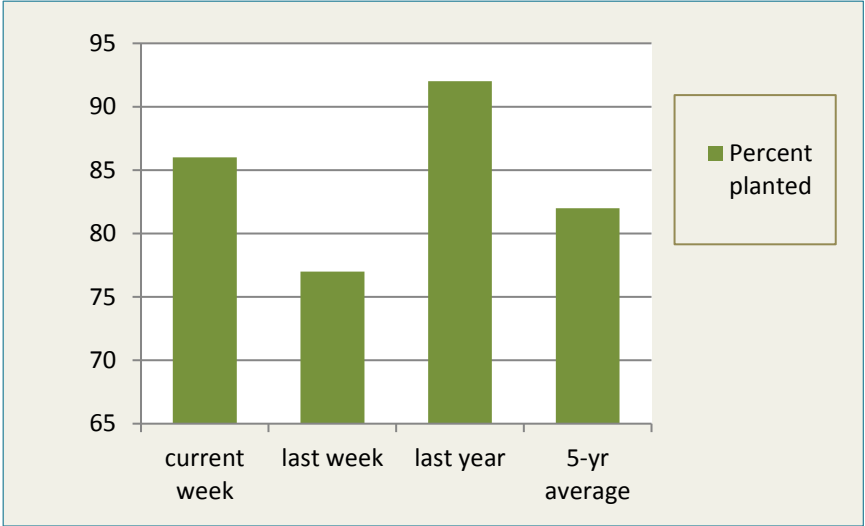
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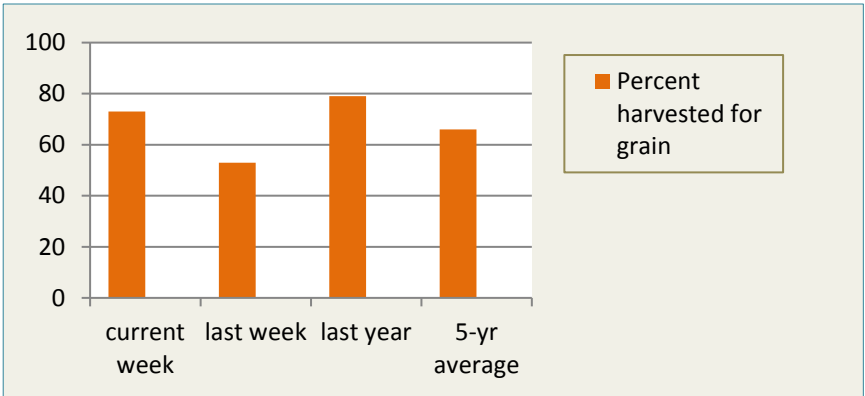
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans planted	86	77	92	82
Soybeans emerged	75	66	84	71
Soybeans blooming	1	-	-	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	73	53	79	66

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SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 07/01/18



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 07/01/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 1, 2018

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to June 30	Mar. 1 to June 30 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	85	65	91	63	75	2	1709	1504	0.07	4.87	1.07	29.72	7.87
Norfolk	88	74	93	71	81	4	1931	1643	0.63	4.96	1.21	25.18	2.90
Richmond	88	70	93	66	79	3	1874	1656	0.24	6.56	3.02	28.67	7.44
Roanoke	85	67	90	65	76	2	1787	NA	0.62	3.64	-0.03	27.87	6.27
Wash/Dulles	86	65	92	60	75	2	1543	NA	0.02	4.16	0.09	25.21	4.38

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Less than 0.1 inch rain and hot temperatures at the end of the week. First cutting of hay finally finished up. Wheat harvest has started.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Several days of dry weather allowing field work.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Clear weather with above normal temperatures characterized the week. Many farmers are catching up on harvesting first cutting hay. Yields are good, but quality is poor due to earlier weather delays for harvesting. Second cutting hay is looking promising at this point, but very little has been harvested. Barley harvest has been hampered by wet weather earlier and lodging.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

First fully dry week in June. Large number of acres of hay made.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We experienced more dry days this week, some producers are out making hay.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

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CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

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SOUTHWESTERN

GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)

Timely rains in areas of the county have maintained soil moisture levels at an adequate level for productivity of most crops. Corn is progressing very well. While I would characterize the area as marginally dry of late, there has been enough moisture to avoid any issues. The recent weather has tempted farmers to mow hay, but conditions have not been conducive for curing that hay, and some has been rained on.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Southeast portion of county received heavy rain over the past week keeping fields saturated, causing stunting or drowning of crops.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Rain has been the factor most affecting crop production in 2018. Corn is tasseling/silking and has good yield potential. Wheat harvest and test weights were lower than 2017. Soybean crop is late planted this year with some replanting needed. Early cuttings of hay has been difficult to schedule between frequent rainy days.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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